

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00

USIE-00 CCO-00 INRE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSC-10

PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 ACDA-19 IO-13 AID-20 FBO-01

NIC-01 OC-06 OPR-02 USSS-00 SCA-01 A-01 OMB-01 SY-10

NEA-10 SCS-03 EB-11 RSR-01 /168 W

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 5454

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

CINCPAC

DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CDR USSAG NKP

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5774

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PGOV, LA

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED COUP IN VIENTIANE

AT 1045 HOURS, U.S. AIR CONTRACT OBSERVER AT  
WATTAY REPORTED THAT SOME 30-40 ROYAL LAO SOLDIERS  
HAD MOVED ONTO WATTAY RAMP AND HAD TAKEN CONTROL  
OF PETROLEUM STOCKPILE STORED IN RUBBERIZED  
TANKS; MOVE WAS UNOPPOSED. SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT  
AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE ARE NO AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF  
FROM WATTAY.  
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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 20 AUG 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973VIENTI05774  
**Document Source:** CORE  
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**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** RR  
**Errors:** N/A  
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**From:** VIENTIANE  
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**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 NOV 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <28-Nov-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <21-Dec-2001 by golinofr>  
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